

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 3, 2017, 6:00 p.m., Old Schoolhouse Common

Present: Selectboard members Laurie Colgan, Chris Martin and Andy Perchlik; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Road Foreman Dan Tetreault

At 6:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Andy Perchlik

Changes or additions to the agenda: elevator maintenance, truck, tax map

Public Comment/Unscheduled Appearances: none

Review and Approval of Minutes: The Board approved the minutes of December 20, 2016.

Old Schoolhouse Common: The Board discussed security measures for the building. They approved a maintenance contract for the elevator, in the amount of \$350. Annual maintenance is required by state regulations.

Highway Department: Dan brought the Selectboard the quotes for a new dump truck. The 2012 truck will be traded in. We purchased that truck in 2011. It has not been very dependable. Freightliner will give \$35,000 for a trade-in. International will give us \$55,000. After trade-in, the Freightliner would be \$56,144. After trade-in, the International would be \$33,988. These prices do not include the body or set-up. Dan estimates that the total cost will be around \$100,000. This is less than was projected in the equipment replacement plan. Chris moved to purchase the International truck. Laurie seconded – all in favor.

Dog Bite: The Selectboard received and reviewed a report about a serious dog bite that occurred in Marshfield. The Constable issued a citation to the dog owner. The dog has been euthanized, by the owner.

Land Records: Bobbi explained the pros and cons of making the land records documents available online. The town would no longer receive the \$2 per hour research fee, but would still get the \$1 per page for copies. It would reduce traffic in the town office and damage to the documents, and make it much easier to search the records. There would be no cost to the Town for the change to the software. The Board will discuss this topic further at the next meeting.

Holm Salvage Yard: Brian Holm has applied for renewal of his Certificate of Approved Location for his salvage yard. He has requested a 3-year extension. James Arisman recommended to the Selectboard that they only approve for one year, with a note that he will need to further reduce the number of cars on the property as previously agreed.

Budget Preparation: The Board reviewed the budget. The Town ended the year with a surplus. An extra \$5,000 will be set aside for paving, and the remaining surplus will be used to lower taxes; the taxes will decrease by approximately \$17,000. The Library's appropriations request increased by 4.1% at the same time that the Trustees are lowering their fundraising efforts and taking earnings from the endowment. The

Board did not decide whether to approve the Library appropriation request, and will go to the next meeting of the Trustees to discuss the long-range plans for the library finances. Andy moved to approve the budget with the exception of the library appropriation. Chris seconded – all in favor. The approved budget included a 2% increase for town employees.

Energy Committee: The Selectboard appointed Rebecca Wigg to the Energy Committee.

Tax Anticipation Note: The Board executed a tax anticipation note from Union Bank, in the amount of \$420,000 at an interest rate of 1.49%. The money will be invested at a rate of 1.69%.

Tax Maps: Bobbi updated the Board on a possible error in the tax maps, brought to the Town's attention by a forester doing forest management plans for the current use program. The Selectboard agreed that the affected landowners all need to agree before the map can be changed. The Town has suggested that all of the affected landowners execute a boundary line agreement.

Expenses, Permits & Payroll: Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the January 3, 2017 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
